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For : HOUSING SPACE-RELATED COMMODITY SALE ASSISTING SYSTEM,  
HOUSING SPACE-RELATED COMMODITY SALE ASSISTING METHOD,  
PROGRAM FOR ASSISTING HOUSING SPACE-RELATED  
COMMODITY SALE, AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDED  
MEDIUM ON WHICH PROGRAM FOR ASSISTING HOUSING SPACE-  
RELATED COMMODITY SALE IS RECORDED

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, the Applicants hereby call the following document, which are of record in commonly assigned, co-pending application 09/949,761:

(1) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. HEI 10-97558, to KOBAYASHI et al., published on April 14, 1998, along with an English language Abstract of the same;

(2) A printout of a World Wide Web site, Megasoft home page, <http://www.megasoft.co.jp/>, 1 page, printed on December 13, 2001. The relevance of this site is discussed on page 1 of the specification of the above-captioned application;

(3) A printout of a World Wide Web site, e-Housebank home page, <http://www.e-housebank.com/main.html>, 2 pages, printed on December 13, 2001. The relevance of this site is discussed on be found on page 1 of the specification of the above-captioned application; and

(4) A printout of a World Wide Web site, Fukui Computer home page, <http://www.fukuicompu.co.jp/main.htm>, 2 pages, printed on December 13, 2001. The relevance of this site is discussed on page 2 of the specification of the above-captioned application.

With respect to the Web sites cited herein, the date on which the site was reviewed and printed is given as the earliest date known to Applicants. Applicants make no representation that this "printed on" date is the earliest publication. However, Applicants are not aware of any practical way of determining the publication date on the World Wide Web. Moreover, the home pages are provided and the Examiner is invited to traverse down the various web links associated with the home pages.

A Korean Office Action dated September 24, 2003 for related Korean Application No. 10-2001-0056444, in which the following document is cited:

(5) Korean Patent Publication No. 2000-0059246, published on October 5, 2000.

A European Search Report dated October 2, 2002 for corresponding European Application No. EP 01 12 1669, in which the following documents were cited:

(6) CHAN et al., "A Solid Modeling Library for the World Wide Web", Computer Networks and ISDN Systems, vol. 30, no. 20-21, pages 1853-1863, November 12, 1998, North Holland Publishing, Amsterdam, NL;

(7) RAU-CHAPLIN et al., "Graphics Support for a Word-Wide-Web Based Architectural Design Service", Computer Networks and ISND Systems, vol. 29, no. 14, pages 1611-1623, October 1, 1997, North Holland Publishing, Amsterdam, NL;

(8) HARDER et al., "Supporting Adaptable Technical Information Systems in Heterogeneous Environments - Using WWW and ORDBMS", Database and Expert Systems Applications, IEEE Proceedings Eighth International Workshop, pages 295-303, September 1, 1997, Los Alamitos, CA;

(9) BAJAJ et al., "Web Based Collaborative CAAD", Online! 1998, retrieved on September 19, 2002, pages 1-17; & BAJAJ et al., "Web Based Collaborative CAAD, Proceedings of the 1999 Fifth ACM Symposium on Solid Modeling and Applications, June 1999, pages 326-327, New York, NY;

(10) LEWIS et al., "Generation of 3D Building Models from 2D Architectural Plans", Computer-Aided Design, vol. 30, no. 10, pages 765-779, September 1998, Elsevier Publishers, Barking, GB; and

(11) SAUCE et al., "A Knowledge-Based System for Construction-Site Organization", Microcomputers in Civil Engineering, vol. 10, no. 3, pages 187-197, 1995, Elsevier Science Ltd., Oxford, GB.

The following documents have been cited by the Examiner of U.S. Application No. 09/949,761:

(12) U.S. Patent 6,314,404;

(13) U.S. Patent 6,594,633;

(14) U.S. Patent 6,839,880; and

(15) Rau-Chapin et al., "The LaHave-House Project" Towards an Automated Architectural Design Service", Proceedings of the International Conference on Computer-Aided Design, September 1996, 8 pages.

Applicant also re-notes the following documents that have previously been cited to the examiner and which are discussed in the response filed pursuant to the Office Action mailed on June 6, 2005:

(16) An English language translation of Japanese Patent No. 3061933 is enclosed; and

(17) Korean document 1999-68557. Applicant notes that no English language translation is available for this document.

Applicant notes that documents (1) and (12)-(14) have already been considered by the Examiner of the present application, and thus copies of these documents are not enclosed herewith. However, copies of documents (2)-(11), (15) and (16) are attached hereto, along with evidence that no translation of document (17) exists.

All of the above-noted documents are listed on a PTO-1449 Form, which is attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

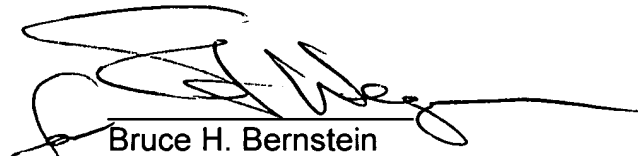
Further, Applicant notes that since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of an Office Action on the merits, Applicants has included herewith a check in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p). However, the Commissioner is authorized to

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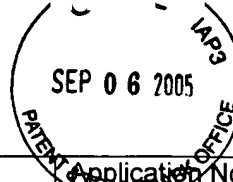
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